

ARMSTRONG FACES TRIAL BEFORE BOARD

Policeman Convicted of Assaulting Prisoner Likely to Be Discharged.

Following the conviction in the Police Court of Policeman George H. Armstrong, of the Fourth precinct, for assaulting William Weaver on the morning of November 26 last, when he went to Weaver's home, 35 M street northwest, to arrest a negro boy for a minor offense, steps will be taken by Superintendent of Police Sylvester to remove the bluecoat from the force.

Under the law, a policeman cannot be dismissed from the force until formal charges have been preferred by the head of the department, and the bluecoat cited to appear before the Police Trial Board, and given an opportunity to answer the charges. At present Armstrong is under suspension without pay.

Written charges against Armstrong of conduct unbecoming an officer, and unnecessary violence in making an arrest will be filed with the trial board by Major Sylvester. If Armstrong takes advantage of the opportunity to appear before the board and defend himself, the findings of the board and its recommendations will be forwarded to the District Commissioners for final action. Members of the police force can only be dismissed by the Board of Commissioners, but in nearly every instance the recommendations of the trial board are carried out.

If Armstrong's attorneys file a motion for a new trial, and the motion is granted, no action will be taken by the Police Department until final disposition has been made of the case in Police Court.

Armstrong may not have to answer to the additional charge of assault filed by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Armstrong. In a letter received this morning by Assistant United States Attorney Given, Mrs. Armstrong asks that the charges which she made against her husband be dismissed. Mr. Given has filed the letter with the case, and is considering his recommendation.

The charges against the policeman made by Weaver, Armstrong made her charge. She declared that on December 10 her husband attacked and beat her.

Expressman Sues Apartment Owner

Alexander King has filed suit against Carolyn G. Caughey, as proprietress of the Coywood apartment house, 1222 L street northwest, for \$5,000 damages.

The plaintiff alleges he was an expressman and that in delivering an oak table to an occupant of the Coywood he was injured through the negligence of the conductor of the elevator, employed by the defendant.

New Fredonia Hotel Cafe Opens Tonight

The cafe of the new Fredonia Hotel at 321 and 323 H street northwest, will have its formal opening this evening.

The new establishment will be up-to-date, handsomely furnished and thoroughly equipped; a place where one can take his family and friends for a delightful meal at moderate cost. The new cafe is right in the heart of the downtown district and will be convenient for all persons in that neighborhood during the day and evening.

The slogan of the new restaurant is: "Just what you want, prepared and served as you want it."

W. W. Danenhower will be manager of the cafe.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WILL COST \$90,000,000

Purely Unofficial Estimate of Cost of "Gift-Bearing Germ" to the United States Is "Doped Out" By Victor H. Olmsted.

What Dr. Wiley would probably describe as the "gift-bearing germ," inoculated into the people of the United States, will cost this year about \$90,000,000 in cash, perhaps \$5,000,000 in debts, a large amount of happiness, and also a large amount of economy.

This is a purely unofficial estimate, "doped up" by Victor H. Olmsted, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, of the Department of Agriculture. In Olmsted's opinion, not more than one-half of the people of the United States this year will make Christmas presents that cost actual money.

Of the remaining 46,000,000, a few will not give presents because they do not believe in the custom. More will not give because of their religious beliefs. Still more will not make presents because they live in out-of-the-way places, remote from stores. A vast number will not give because they have barely

enough to clothe and feed themselves and their families.

Then there are other Christmas celebrants—farmers for the most part, who will send a fat turkey, duck or some farm animal to relatives.

Of those who will actually buy presents, several million are children, whose expenditures will range anywhere from 10 cents to \$1. A few of these children—very few, belonging to very rich families, will spend many times \$1. The estimated average Christmas expenditure of the children is 50 cents.

The greatest number of Christmas givers are clerks, young men whose salaries run from \$75 to \$150 a month. They spend, according to their salaries, and their mental state. Mr. Olmsted estimates that the clerks with semi-society bent, will spend on an average about \$5 for gifts. The home-loving clerks will average about \$1. Altogether, it is estimated that about 4,000,000 persons have already bought or will buy presents, and that their gifts will average a little less than \$2 a person.

New Aid for Patrick.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The case of Albert T. Patrick, now serving a life sentence for the murder of William "Boss" McLean, apparently is to go on indefinitely. The McLean-Legal Society has taken a hand, and at a meeting last night discussed the situation. The society intends to try to free Patrick.

CITIZENS SUPPORT DISTRICT MEASURES

Brightwood Park Association Holds Important Meeting At Van Buren Hall.

The Brightwood Park Citizens' Association will urge the adoption of at least three local measures now pending in Congress during the present session. They are the bills affecting public utilities, the Judson plan of finance in the District, and the bill providing for the plan of retirement of school teachers. Action to this effect was taken by the association at a meeting held at Van Buren Hall, Brightwood, last night. There was a general discussion of pending legislation and several reports were received.

Among them was that of the committee on railroads, which had held an interview with officers of the Washington Railway and Electric Company to ask for increased efficiency in the Brightwood car service. The proposition of Brightwood citizens is to secure an express service directly from downtown. Facts shown demonstrated that such a service was practicable. It was stated that the railway officers had the matter under consideration.

The meeting also endorsed the plan to increase the salaries of the Commissioners from the sum of \$5,000 to \$7,500 a year.

Action was taken against any discrimination against teachers in the McKinley Manual Training School, and it was demanded that such teachers should be put on the same plane as other teachers in the high schools of the District. A committee was appointed to confer with members of the House District Committee on this subject.

SNOW IS EXPECTED TOMORROW MORNING

"White Christmas" Prophesied By the Weather Forecaster.

"Rain or snow Friday morning, probably lasting throughout the day."

Thus did the Weather Bureau, through Official Forecaster Bowie, give promise this morning of a white Christmas—so dear to the hearts of those who treasure memories of Christmases when they snowballed each other or went out in sleighs to collect their presents or tried out the sleds which Santa Claus had left for them the night before.

While the Weather Bureau did not absolutely promise that there would be snow tomorrow, the announcement that the temperature tonight would hover about 25 degrees, apparently gave assurance that climatic conditions would include snow and not rain.

But, while there are undoubtedly a large number of persons in the city who would rejoice to see a "white Christmas," there are many more to whom it means additional suffering, or additional work. Among these are the members of the Street Cleaning Department of the city.

Having just gotten well started with the work of cleaning the streets, the

department will face additional troubles with the advent of a new fall of snow. The fact that the Weather Bureau does not think that the coming snowfall will be particularly heavy is considered cause for joy at the headquarters of the Street Cleaning Department. The shortage in funds, now faced by the department, is a barrier which will have to be surmounted in the best manner possible if the coming snow proves to be as heavy as the last.

Suffering among the poor has been on the increase for the past few days, the biting winds sending to charitable institutions a large number of the homeless ones. The Central Union Mission, the Salvation Army headquarters, the Gospel Mission house, and others of the same kind were filled to overflowing last night, and conditions bid fair to grow worse if the weather becomes colder.

If the snow promised by the Weather Bureau materializes tonight or tomorrow, it will probably spoil the greatest part of the skating on the Basin and at the Zoo. The ice at both of these places has been ideal for skating for the last two days, in some places reaching a depth of six or seven inches.

Sues Street Railway For \$25,000 Damages

Mrs. Fannie J. Benham seeks damages in the sum of \$25,000 for injuries she alleges she suffered by the negligence of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and a supplementary suit for \$4,000 was filed yesterday by her husband, William B. Benham.

It is related in the bills that Mrs. Benham, at the time she was struck and injured by defendant company's car at Eleventh and G streets northwest, December 14, 1907, was earning large sums of money as proprietress of a boarding house.

Rhinelanders Reconciled.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—William C. Rhineland and his wife, Mrs. Julia C. Rhineland, are living together again, and Mrs. Rhineland's suit for separation has been withdrawn from the courts. It is said that kinsmen of Rhineland effected the reconciliation. The basis of the settlement is reported to be \$100 a month additional to \$50 a month allowed Mrs. Rhineland by the Rhineland estate.

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ASYLUM CHRISTMAS WILL BE ELABORATE

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., DEC. 22.

Christmas will be observed at the Government Hospital for the Insane with trees in various buildings and wards and a sumptuous meal. The feast will be on Monday, and 3,000 inmates and 700 employees will enjoy it. Fruit, candy and cigars will be included. Then the Christmas dance will follow in the Hitchcock Hall, when patients and employees will close the festivities. On Sunday afternoon in the chapel hall spiritual services will be held.

The District Commissioners have denied the request of Gilbert J. Osterman, of Nichols avenue, for the extension of the culvert crossing Galen street. They have announced, however, that a catch basin will be installed.

Members of the Eleventh precinct are looking forward to an early visit to Superintendent Sylvester and Commissioner Johnston, who will make an inspection. The station has been entirely renovated and the men are engaged regularly with military evolutions.

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